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Open House Scheduled in May for SR 99 North Corridor Study

SEATTLE—The Washington State Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Seattle and King County, will host an open house to discuss safety and mobility improvements being planned for State Route 99 – Aurora Avenue North – between the Battery Street Tunnel in downtown Seattle and North 145th Street in Shoreline. **The public is invited to attend the open house, which will be held Thursday, May 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Phinney Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Avenue N. in Seattle.**

Increasing levels of traffic accidents and congestion have prompted a study of this section of SR 99 to recommend near-term and future improvements. In addition to experiencing high levels of traffic congestion, several sections of SR 99 have been identified as high-accident locations, due to the number, severity and costs of the accidents.

“When compared with similar highways, this section of SR 99 North has one of the highest numbers of total accidents and disabling injury accidents in the Puget Sound region,” said Nytasha Sowers, Project Manager. The data was from a list that ranked “high accident corridors” for non-limited access highways.

In partnership with the City of Seattle, King County Metro, and the City of Shoreline, WSDOT is evaluating data and working with the community to develop safety improvements for the high-accident areas. The final recommendations are scheduled to be complete in December.

For more information about this study, please visit the SR 99 North study website at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mobility/sr99>.

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For updated information on the above and other Department of Transportation traffic revisions in the Puget Sound area, call the Commuter Information Line at DOT-HIWY (206-368-4499). The Commuter Information Line may also be reached toll free in Washington at 1-800-695-ROAD (7623). TTY users can call 1-800-833-6388 and ask for (206) 515-3683.